

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed: February 25, 2004) Our Ref: B-4712 620052-7
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For: "SELF-MASKING DEFECT) Date: May 9, 2008
REMOVING METHOD")

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed as a Supplemental Response in addition to the filed response dated January 24, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Specification are listed beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification

Please ADD the following new section to page 1 of the specification between the Title and the Background Section. That is, please add this new section below "SELF-MASKING DEFECT REMOVING METHOD" and above "BACKGROUND":

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPEMENT

[0000.5] The present invention was made with support from the United States Government under contract N66001-01-C-8033, awarded by the Space and Warfare System Center of the Department of the Navy. The United States Government has certain rights in the invention.

Remarks

Specification Amendment

This Supplemental Response amends the specification by adding a section stating that the government has certain rights in this invention. No new subject matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment.

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Conclusion

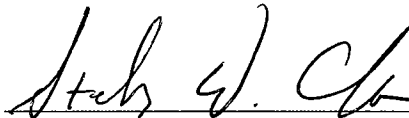
The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

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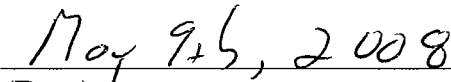
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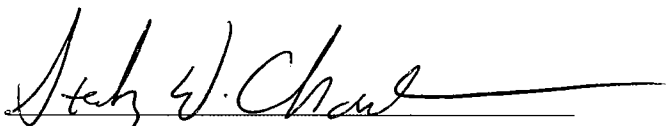
Respectfully submitted,



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